



**Series:** Life in the favor of Jesus

**Passage** Galatians 3:1-14

**Title** Life Through The Gospel Lens

**Discussion Starter:** If everyone looks at life through a lens (a world view) what are some of the popular world views? (Status, Relationships, Partying, Justice, Pleasure / Sex, Food, Philanthropy, etc.). Discuss what it means to look at ***Life Through the Gospel Lens***.

### **Passionate about the Gospel** (Galatians 2:20-21; 3:1-3)

- What are some of the important things we learn about the lens Paul views life through (Galatians 2:20-21)?
- What did Paul mean when he said “I do not set aside the grace of God”? Why is this topic of grace so important for us as Christians today? (Grace is the lens we view life through – for ourselves and others)
- Just as the Galatians were being “bewitched” in their day, what are some of the ways the world’s influence, or our own desires distort the lens we look at life through?

### **God rewards faith** (Galatians 3:4-9)

- What point is being made in Gal 3:5-6? (Leaders: v5 reveals that God gives His Holy Spirit, and shows His miraculous power not to those who work but to those who **believe**. v6 Shows that this has always been God’s way of dealing with man.)
- What can we learn from verses 3:3-5 about how the Galatians are to grow spiritually? How were the Galatians trying to grow and how can we as Christians fall into the same trap?
- Why do you think God rewards faith instead of performance?
- Since God rewards faith, what questions should we ask ourselves if we are not experiencing God’s power in our lives?

### **The misery of trying to Earn Gods favor** (Galatians 3:10-14; Psalms 19:7-14)

- How does the experience of faith contrast with that of a person who seeks to earn God’s acceptance by performance? 3:10-12
- Knowing and obeying God’s law guides our life with wisdom and blessing. Trying to earn righteousness by obeying God’s law brings a curse. Discuss the difference. 3:10–12.
- 3:13 On the cross Jesus took upon himself the curse and punishment of our failure to keep God’s law, 3:14 tells us why Jesus did this. Discuss these points.
- In Psalms 19:7 David states that the Law is perfect, converting the soul... and in verse 11, by keeping them there is great reward. Discuss these rewards. In 19:12–13 What can we observe about David’s understanding of faith and his own inability to properly keep these laws?